

**TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.  
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

**\*Approval of Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

Town Board Middle Meeting - September 6, 2018

Town Board Budget Meeting - September 11, 2018

2. Treasurer's Report:

General Account Balance: \$39,026.51

Cemetery: \$ 4,202.54

3. Sanitary District Report – Receipt of September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

4. Forest Lodge Library Report

5. Cable Union Airport Commission Report – Receipt August 16, 2018 and  
September 12, 2018 Draft Minutes

Supervisor Thurn noted that the Airport Commission has decided to move ahead with the concrete slab apron in front of Parod Hangar. Bob Rasmussen is coordinating the work.

6. Plan Commission Report – Receipt September 5, 2018 Draft Minutes

Supervisor Popelka has asked the Plan Commission to submit a budget. At their meeting, Stephanie Jochims was appointed to the Design Committee.

The Plan Commission discussed options for implementation of the event check list. A link is needed to the checklist on the town website. One restriction discussed would be to not allow any event on the Community Calendar if an event checklist has not been completed.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION carried.

**Budget Update**

Deputy Clerk Kelli Tuttle noted the updated chart of accounts in the meeting packet. She reported that the library levy is down by approximately \$10,000. Chairman Hancock explained that the new chart of accounts is more simplified and makes items more transparent. It also complies with Department of Revenue recommendations and with forms that need to be submitted once the budget is approved. The new chart of accounts will be used beginning in January 2019.

**Public Comments**

Gilbert Rasmussen stated that as a member of the Roads Committee, he would like to see a different dialogue that focuses more on projects and what they entail. Chairman Hancock responded that the Committee has been struggling with developing a process to set priorities, plan for the future and address

current urgent projects. The intent of the committee is to work on long-range planning and provide good recommendations to the Town Board.

Suzanne Rooney stated that she has served nine months on the Roads Committee and has been frustrated with the lack of ability to have a community meeting for input. Intersections that were discussed in January were not done this summer. There has been no response to a letter received in August. There has been an unwillingness to work together, and she hopes that issue will get resolved.

### **Healthy Communities Announcement**

Supervisor Thurn explained that she and Suzanne Rooney wrote a proposal to the University of Wisconsin, Madison for Cable to be designated as a Healthy Community. On September 19, 2018, it was announced that Cable received the Bronze Healthy Community designation based on the town's economic and physical environment. Cable is the **only** town in Wisconsin and the **only** community in the northern third of the state to receive this designation. The announcement has been posted on the website. There will be a news release, and a sign with the Healthy Community designation will be sent to the town.

### **Discussion/Possible Action on Resolution Regarding Land Sold by Cable Union Airport to the Cable Rod and Gun Club**

Clerk Allen explained that although a similar resolution was signed at the last meeting, it was not accepted by the County because there was not a legal description of the property. A revised resolution is presented for signature by Board members.

MOTION by Chairman Hancock, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to accept the revised resolution with the land description added in regard to the land sold by Cable Union Airport to the Cable Rod and Gun Club. MOTION carried. The resolution was signed.

### **Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Land Use Approval for Short-term Rental at 42865 Cedar Court, Wilde River**

An application was received by a resident in Wilde River to offer short-term rental during the winter months, beginning in December. Foreman Lang stated that he believes covenants in Wilde River would not allow short-term rental. Clerk Allen will check Wilde River regulations. If allowed, the application will be forwarded to the Plan Commission for review and consideration for approval by the Board at the Middle Meeting.

### **Discussion/Possible Action on Community Volunteer Project on Frels Road**

Supervisor Thurn, Suzanne Rooney and Gill Rasmussen met with Al Amundson who is interested in having materials delivered to him by the town for blacktop patching on Frels Road. The road crew would dig up the rock and put down gravel. Mr. Amundson would then do the patching.

Chairman Hancock asked the cost and whether it would fit in this year's budget. Foreman Lang estimated three loads of grater patching at a cost of approximately \$4500. This may not be the best time of year to do this work. Chairman Hancock expressed concern that if the town provided the patching material, it would be peeled off by snow plows.

Supervisor Popelka expressed support and stated that even if small areas have to be touched up in the spring, it might be worthwhile to do the work now. Foreman Lang agreed to have costs by the end of the week and noted there is enough in this year's budget for this work. It was the consensus of the Board to allow up to \$6000 for the work. Supervisor Thurn will coordinate with Al Amundson.

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to approve up to \$6000 for materials and fuel for Al Amundson to take the lead as a volunteer to work with the road crew on grater patching on Frels Road, with funds to come from the 2018 budget. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action on Roads Update for 2018**

Supervisor Thurn stated that the rented excavator is available to the town through mid-November. Projects needing the excavator should be identified:

The Board reached consensus on the following items of priority on the roads to-do list before the rental term for the excavator expires: Item Nos. 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13:

- 4. Open railroad grade for snow piling
- 8. Construct turnaround on Totogatic Road
- 9. Construct turnaround on Radloff Road
- 10. Construct turnaround on Ole Lake Road
- 12. Stump and brush removal at Perry Lake Landing, construct turnaround, parking lot and sitting area
- 13. Finish gravel on West Cable Lake Road

Jason Swanson reported that the excavator was moved to Perry Lake earlier in the day to begin stump removal. It was noted that the turnarounds are within town right-of-way and residents have been notified of the work to be done.

Other items that can be done yet this year, if possible, include:

- Clearing west end of parking lot to create 8 to 10 feet for piling snow
- Tree removal on Cable Sunset Road
- Remove blacktop from Old Ole Lake intersection
- Finish putting gravel on Totogatic Road
- Electrical work at the Airport

The Board supports using recycled asphalt to finish West Cable Lake Road, but Foreman Lang stated that material is no longer available. He further reported that he has tried to order a new guard rail for the one that needs to be replaced, but has been unable to find a match. He will continue to look for one.

Gill Rasmussen asked if the Roads Committee could weigh in on these decisions. Chairman Hancock responded that his concern would be that the work needs to be done this year and he does not want to see it get bogged down in the committee.

Supervisor Thurn added that she would like the Roads Committee to set priorities for next year. Roads to be chip sealed and grater patched in 2019 need to be identified. Options for Cable Sunset Road need to be discussed, whether grater patching or reconstruction. A proposal needs to be drafted to the four towns regarding interest in purchasing crack seal equipment to share. The Roads Committee has been focusing on older roads, but chip sealing for newer roads is important to review to keep them from further deteriorating. The next Roads Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**Discussion/Possible Action on Energy Audit for All Town Buildings**

Chairman Hancock stated that he would like to hire a firm to assess all town buildings on how they can be more energy efficient.

Supervisor Popelka responded that KV Tech Construction does this work. He will get an estimated cost to report at the Middle Meeting.

### **Discussion on Notice of Public Hearing**

Chairman Hancock announced that there will be a public hearing on October 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to present the following recommended actions to residents:

1. Ordinance for the Clerk and Treasurer positions to be appointed rather than elected. This question will be a referendum on the November 6, 2018 ballot.
2. Consider recommendation from the Plan Commission to amend language in the Comp Plan
3. Consider recommendation from the Plan Commission to rescind the existing Telemark Overlay

### **Discussion/Possible Action Postcard to Voters Re: Public Hearing**

A postcard will be mailed to voters advising them of the public hearing to consider the referendum question on making the Clerk and Treasurer positions appointed rather than elected.

The Board made minor changes and approved the proposed postcard for printing and mailing.

### **Discussion/Possible Action on Plan Commission's Recommendation to Implement Cable Park Campground Design Plan**

Supervisor Popelka reported that Karl Kastrosky and Kathy Zuelsdorff have identified five primitive sites for rustic camping at Cable Park. The sites have a level area for a tent pad. It is proposed that the park picnic tables be repurposed and put at each campsite. Communal fire pits will be put in the cleared area not near any trees. The proposed budget is \$3300. Most of the work will be done by volunteers. A Conditional Use Permit will be needed from Bayfield County to approve the site as a campground. Adjoining land owners will be notified.

Chairman Hancock expressed his support for communal fire rings that will be safer and suggested providing chairs. Logistics yet to be decided include: use of restrooms at the Depot, amount of fee to charge, putting fire extinguishers in the Depot, whether to provide firewood.

Supervisor Thurn noted that the campground is an inexpensive way to provide an additional lodging option in Cable. Most tourists spend money within 15 miles of where they stay so it will also be an economic benefit.

MOTION by Chairman Hancock, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission to create a campground at Cable Park and authorize implementation of the submitted plan. MOTION carried.

### **Discussion/Possible Action on Plan Commission's Recommendation to Paint Tennis Courts for Pickleball**

Supervisor Popelka reported that the Demonstration Day scheduled to teach residents about pickleball was a success, and there is significant interest. The cost is low at \$48 per tennis court to tape the courts for pickleball. Nets can be adjusted. The tennis courts can be used for both tennis and pickleball.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to authorize taping the tennis courts for pickleball use and approve a spending limit for taping of \$150. MOTION carried.

### **Discussion of Possible Dates for 4-Towns Meeting**

Although discussed earlier in the summer, a 4-Towns Meeting has not been scheduled. Chairman Hancock requested a meeting be scheduled either late October or early November to discuss the following items, some of which may impact budgets:

- Equipment sharing
- Community calendar
- Xcel energy spraying
- Sharing successes and failures
- Law enforcement

#### **Other Issues**

Clerk Allen announced that Cable will participate in National Register to Vote Day on September 25, 2018, when the Town Office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for voter registration.

#### **Payment of Bills**

MOTION by Chairman Hancock, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to authorize payment of bills for the following check numbers issued on September 18, 2018:

Cable Fire Department – check Nos. 3027, 3028, 3029

Forest Lodge Library – check Nos. 3298 through 3304

Town of Cable – check Nos. 8550 through 8566.

MOTION carried.

#### **Date of Next Town Board Meeting:**

The next regular Town Board meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Community Centre.

#### **Date of Next Town Board Budget/Middle Meeting**

The next Middle Meeting and Budget Review will be Thursday, October 8, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., at the Town Office.

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Hancock declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.